

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 10-12 and 18 have been cancelled. Claims 2, 4, 5, 7-9, 13, 15-17, 19 and 21-23 have been amended. Claims 2, 4-9, 13, 15-17, 19 and 21-44 are pending and under consideration.

In Item 7 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claims 2, 4-9, 13, 15-17, 19 and 21-23 contain allowable subject matter. Claims 2, 4, 5, 7-9, 13, 15-17, 19 and 21-23 have been rewritten in independent form. Claim 6 depends from Claim 5. In Item 8 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claims 24-44 have been allowed. All claims not allowable or allowed have been cancelled.

At least in view of the Examiner's indication of allowability, it is submitted that the prior art rejections should be withdrawn. There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

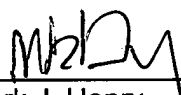
If any formal matters remain after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the inventor's attorney.

If there are any underpayments or overpayments of fees associated with the filing of this Amendment, please charge and/or credit the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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